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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to DB/I (Planning)

SUBJECT: Objectives of Consultants

The consultants probably had the following objectives in mind when they recommended that the Map Library, OMR, and the Foreign Documents Division [REDACTED] be transferred to the Office of Central Reference:

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a. Since the Office of Central Reference as well as both components under consideration are basically a reference service they logically, and from the management standpoint, should be under one management. There is little difference between the Map Library, which collects documents and maps, conducts map liaison, performs basic research, and issues or loans materials to consumers, and the CIA Library, which handles documents and books in a somewhat similar fashion. The Foreign Documents Division is also a reference service, except that materials are processed by translation prior to issuance. A basic relationship between the CIA Library with its publication procurement program and cataloging activities exists with the similar activities engaged in by FDD.

b. When the Office was redesignated as the Office of Central Reference, the "central reference concept" would appear to have been approved by the DCI.

c. Greater coordination as to methods and new techniques can be effected if all reference facilities are under a single management.

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